

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below, and add new Claims 27 and 28.

1. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus comprising:

a reception unit constructed to receive content data and content list data via a network, wherein the content list data comprises including information ~~which includes including~~ a content name[[,]] for specifying each of a plurality of receivable contents data on the receiving apparatus;

a content processing unit constructed to process the content data received by the reception unit to generate video data and audio data;

a generating unit constructed to generate a content list based on the content list data received by the reception unit, for displaying the content name of each of the plurality of receivable contents data in a list format;

an output unit constructed to output the content list generated by the generating unit[[,]] and the video data and audio data to a display apparatus; and

a control unit constructed to generate rank information based on an estimated ~~indicating~~ a time period from a selection of the content in the content list by a user until the content is reproducible, ~~a start of viewing the content~~;

~~wherein the control unit controls to measure a first time period from the selecting of each of a plurality of contents data to be received until a start of actually receiving the selected content data, and a second time period until meeting a capacity capable of starting to decode of the received content data, and controlling to stop the receiving of the content data, and generates the rank information of each of the contents~~

~~included in the content list, according to a total time of the measured first and second time periods and a transmission rate of the content data, and~~

wherein the estimated time period is determined automatically after the receiving apparatus starts up and before the receiving apparatus starts reception of a manipulation for selection by the user, and provides an estimate of the time period from a selection of the content in the content list by a user until the content is reproducible,

wherein the generating unit generates the content list including which displays the rank information of each content data and to the content name of each content data, and the display apparatus displays the content list including the rank information automatically after the receiving apparatus starts up and before the receiving apparatus starts reception of a manipulation for selection by the user.

2. to 6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit judges that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for receiving a predetermined amount of the content data has exceeded a predetermined time, and the generating unit generates the content list including information indicating that the reception is impossible.

8. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception unit is constructed for reception of ~~capable of receiving~~ N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, and the control unit detects the time for the N

pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, which are received by the reception unit in parallel with each other among the plural content data.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the reception unit has a storage unit which is constructed for storage of ~~capable of storing~~ a predetermined amount of the N pieces of the content data, respectively, and the control unit controls the reception unit so as to store the predetermined N pieces of the content data among the plural content data in the storage unit.

11. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A receiving method performed by a receiving apparatus, comprising the steps of:

receiving content data and content list data via a network, wherein the content list data comprises including information including, ~~which includes~~ a content name[[,]] for specifying each of a plurality of receivable contents data on the receiving apparatus;

processing the content data received by the receiving step, to generate video data and audio data;

generating a content list, based on the content list data received in the receiving step, for displaying the content name of each of the plurality of receivable contents data in a list format;

outputting the generated content list[[,]] and the video data and audio data, and the audio data to a display apparatus; and

controlling to generate rank information based on an estimated ~~indicating a~~ time period from a selection of the content in the content list by a user until the content is reproducible ~~a start of viewing the content,~~

~~wherein the control step includes steps of performing control to measure a first time period from the selecting of each of a plurality of contents data to be received until a start of actually receiving the selected content data, and a second time period until meeting a capacity capable of starting to decode the received content data, performing control to stop the receiving of the content data, and generating the rank information of each of the contents included in the content list, according to a total time of the measured first and second time periods and a transmission rate of the contents data, and~~

wherein the estimated time period is determined automatically after the receiving apparatus starts up and before the receiving apparatus starts reception of a manipulation for selection by the user, and provides an estimate of the time period from a selection of the content in the content list by a user until the content is reproducible,

wherein, [[in]] the generating step[[,]] generates the content list including ~~which displays the rank information of each content data~~ and to the content name of each content data is generated, and the content list including the rank information is displayed

the display apparatus automatically after the receiving apparatus starts up and before the receiving apparatus starts reception of a manipulation for selection by the user.

17. to 21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A receiving method according to claim 16, wherein, in the control step, it is judged that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for receiving a predetermined amount of the content data has exceeded a predetermined time, and

in the generating step, the content list is generated to include information indicating that the reception is impossible.

23. (Currently Amended) A receiving method according to claim 16, wherein[[, in]] the receiving step receives, ~~it is capable of receiving~~ N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, and the control step detects the time for the N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, which are received in the receiving step in parallel with each other among the plural content data.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A receiving method according to claim 23, wherein the receiving step comprises a storage step [[in]] which stores ~~it is capable of storing~~ a predetermined amount of the N pieces of the content data, respectively, and, in

the control step, it is controlled to store the predetermined N pieces of the content data among the plural content data in a storage unit.

26. (Canceled)

Please add Claims 27 and 28, as follows:

27. (New) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit measures a first time period from the selecting of each of a plurality of contents data to be received until a start of actually receiving the selected content data, and a second time period until meeting a capacity capable of starting to decode of the received content data, and generates the rank information of each of the contents included in the content list based on a total time of the first and second time periods and a transmission rate of the content data.

28. (New) A receiving method according to claim 16, wherein in said step of controlling, a first time period is measured from the selecting of each of a plurality of contents data to be received until a start of actually receiving the selected content data, and a second time period is measured until meeting a capacity capable of starting to decode of the received content data, and wherein the rank information of each of the contents included in the content list is generated based on a total time of the first and second time periods and a transmission rate of the content data.